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A NEW VIOLET FROM CHINA.

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Among the plants collected in Kansu Province by R. C. Ching, upon a recent expedition conducted for the National Geographic Society by Mr. F. R. Wulsin, there were a few numbers of *Viola*, which were submitted to the writer by the U. S. National Museum for identification. One of them proves to represent a new species, which may be described as follows:

*Viola chingiana*, sp. nov.

Ad sect. *Dischidium* Ging. pertinens, ex affin. *V. biflorae* L.

*Planta* glaberrima, in stat. fruct. ad 15 cm. usque alta, in habitu *V. biflorae* similis. *Rhizoma* obliquum, breviter articulatum, circ. 2 cm. longum, dense radicellatum. *Folia basilaria* longissime petiolata, altitudinem plantae interdum adaequantia, rotundato-reniformia, obtusa, basi plane cordata, marginibus plane serrato-crenata; petioli ad 10 cm. usque longi; lamina 2.5 cm. lata, 2 cm. longa. *Folia caulina* minora, longe petiolata, in summa rotundiuscula, nonnulla rotundato-ovata, obtusa vel subacutiuscula, marginibus plane crenata, basi plane cordata, 1-2 cm. longa et acquilata. *Folia omnia* glaberrima, crassiuscula, nervis subtus non praecipue prominentibus. *Stipulae* circ. 5 mm. longae, 2 mm. latae, ovato-lanceolatae, integrae, obtusiusculae, glabrae. *Flores* ± longe pedunculati; sepala oblonga, obtusa, enervia, circ. 5 mm. longa, in appendices abbreviatis tamen distinctas angustata; petala (?); capsula globosa, circ. 6 mm. longa, carpellis incrassatis.

HAB.: China occidentalis, prov. Kansu; Dar Pan, prope Sining, alt. 3000-3350 m., in declivitatibus humidis graminosis.

Exs.: R. C. Ching, Plants of Kansu Province, China, no. 648, July 26, 1923 (Nat. Geogr. Soc. Centr. China Exped., under the direction of F. R. Wulsin).

Planta in stat. fruct. collecta est.